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إِسْعَافُ أُولَى الْأَلْبَابِ بِمَا فِي الْإِنْتِخَابَاتِ مِنْ مَفَاسِدٍ وَ أَضْرَارٍ وَ أَثْعَابٍ

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THANKS AND APPRECIATION

In practice of what has been verified by Imaam Ahmad from the *hadeeth* of Aboo Hurayrah (*radi Allaahu ‘anhu*) who said, “The Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu alayhi wassllam*) said, “*Whoever does not thank the people does not thank Allaah.*”” I thus begin by thanking the noble Shaykh Yahyaa bin ‘Alee al-Hajooree (*may Allaah preserve him*) for his assistance during my research and benefiting me with a number of positive observations, so may Allaah increase him in goodness. From what he has stated, *may Allaah protect him*, with regards to research is:

“I have certainly read your treatise entitled ‘Reliving the People of Understanding’, and I do not see anything in it except for that which is good, and (it also contains) beneficial advice for the Muslims. So disseminating its content during these times is beneficial for whoever Allaah wishes to benefit...”

To proceed:

May Allaah pour his virtue upon this work and make it good and of our good actions, and may Allaah grant us and the all of the Muslims success in what He loves and is please with. And may Allaah preserve us from the evil of our own selves and the evil consequences of our actions, and may Allaah make us die whilst He is pleased with us, *Allaahumma Aameen...*

And all praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds

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May Allaah forgive him, his parents, his teachers and all of the Muslims.

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تَعْرِيفُ بِكَلِمَةِ "دِيمَقْرَاطِيَّة"

DEFINITION OF THE WORD 'DEMOCRACY'

Our Shaykh Muhammad Amaan bin 'Alee al-Jaamee (*raheemahullaah*) stated:

"The word 'democracy' is a foreign term which means: the rule of the people, meaning in turn: that the people are the ones who are to formulated the codes of law for themselves and legislate for themselves forms of legislation which are not in conformance with the Divine Legislation of Allaah, as the people themselves become the governing authority for legislation. This is completed via people's representative parliaments."²

'AbdulGhane ar-Rahaal stated:

"Democracy means: the rule of the people by the people and the term itself is a combination of two terms: 'demos' which means 'the people' and 'kratos'³ which means: 'rule (authority)', meaning therefore: 'the rule (authority) of the people.'⁴

Aboo 'AbdusSalaam says, may Allaah forgive him:

² *Haqeeqat us-Shooraa fi'l-Islaam*, p.17.

³ 'Demos' and 'kratos' are Greek words, 'kratos' can also be mean 'power', therefore making democracy also carry the idea of 'power to the people'. The Metropolitan police in London have what they call 'Operation Kratos' in which they can shoot dead suspected suicide bombers with shoots to the cranium.

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⁴ *Al-Islamiyyoon wa Saraab ul-Daymokratiyyah (The Islamists and the Mirage of Democracy)*, vol.1 p.38.

Elections cannot be completed or realised except via the route of democracy, which itself is a disbelieving system, Allaah's refuge is sought, so whatever is built upon that which is null and void is itself null and void, as Allaah says,

أَفَمَنْ أَسَّسَ بُنْيَانَهُ عَلَى تَقْوَىٰ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَرِضْوَانٍ خَيْرٌ أَمْ مَنْ أَسَّسَ بُنْيَانَهُ
عَلَىٰ شَفَا جُرُفٍ هَارٍ فَانْهَارَ بِهِ فِي نَارٍ جَهَنَّمَ

**“Then is the one who laid the foundation of his building on
righteousness (with fear) from Allaah and (seeking) His approval better
or one who laid the foundation of his building on the edge of a bank
about to collapse, so it collapsed with him into the fire of Hell?”**

{at-Tawbah (9): 109}

I will not lengthen upon the noble reader, as now the corruptions of the electoral process will be briefly mentioned, with the help of Allaah and His success.

أَهَمُّ مَفَاسِدِ النَّظَامِ الْإِنْتِخَابِيِّ

THE MAIN CORRUPTIONS OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS

1. AN AVOIDANCE OF RULING BY THE DIVINE LEGISLATION OF ALLAAH

This is as the electoral process grants authority and rule to the people other than Allaah, and this is disbelief, Allaah's refuge is sought. Allaahs says,

إِنَّ الْحُكْمَ إِلَّا لِلَّهِ

“Legislation is not but for Allaah.”

{*Yousuf* (12): 40}

وَمَنْ لَّمْ يَحْكَمْ بِمَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْكَافِرُونَ

“And whoever does not judge by what Allaah has revealed – then it is those who are the disbelievers.”

{*al-Maa'idah* (5): 44}

أَفَحُكْمَ الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ يَبْغُونَ وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ مِنَ اللَّهِ حُكْمًا لِّقَوْمٍ يُوقِنُونَ

“Then is it the judgment (of the time) of ignorance they desire? But who is better than Allaah in judgement for a people who are certain (in faith).

{*al-Maa'idah* (5): 50}

2. CENSURED DIFFERING AND SEPARATION

This is an evil which contradicts the saying of Allaah,

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ

“The believers are but brothers...”

{*al-Hujuraat* (49): 10}

It also opposes Allaah’s saying,

وَأَعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا

“And hold firmly to the rope of Allaah all together and do not become divided.”

{*Aali-Imraan* (3): 103}

It also opposes Allaah’s saying,

وَلَا تَكُونُوا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ

مِنَ الَّذِينَ فَرَّقُوا دِينَهُمْ وَكَانُوا شِيَعًا كُلُّ حِزْبٍ بِمَا لَدَيْهِمْ فَرِحُونَ

“...and do not be of those who associate others with Allaah (or) of those who have divided their religion and become sects, every faction rejoicing in what it has.”

{*ar-Room* (30): 31-32}

It is also contrary to what has been verified by Imaam Muslim from the *hadeeth* of Abee Moosaa (*radi Allaahu ‘anhu*) who said that the Messenger of Allaah said (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) said: “The believer to another believer is like two building which support each other.”

It also opposes what has arrived in the two *sabeehs*, and in the narration of Muslim from the *hadeeth* of Abee Moosaa again, that the Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) was asked: “**Which Islaam is better?**” he responded (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*): “*Whoever the Muslims are safe from, from his tongue and hand.*”

3. CRAVING AND COMPETING FOR SEEKING LEADERSHIP⁵

Indeed, seeking leadership is from the affairs which have been forbidden by the Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*), due to what is within if of burdens. It has certainly been verified in the two *sabeehs* from the *hadeeth* of Abee Moosaa al-Ash’aree (*radi Allaahu ‘anhu*) wherein he said: “Two men from the Bani ‘Umayyah and myself entered upon the Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*). One of the men said: “O Messenger of Allaah, grant us some affairs which Allaah has given to you” and the other said something similar to that. The Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) said: “*We neither grant this work to whoever asks for it nor to the one who is greedy for it.*”

It has been verified by al-Bukhaaree from the *hadeeth* of ‘AbdurRahmaan bin Samurah who said, the Messenger of Allaah said to me “*Yaa ‘AbdarRahmaan bin Samurah! Do not seek to be a ruler, for if you are given authority on your demand then you*

⁵ Perhaps the most excessive and treacherous in their attempts to wield the reins of power and position are the likes of *Ikhwaan ul-Muslimeen* and their offshoots. They are known for their pathetic displays of being greedy for power to the extent that they will enter *kuffaar* elections at student unions at universities and utilise the electoral process in order to gain position. In addition to this, they will stoop at all manner of schemes in order to gain position and the examples of this are numerous, especially with the UK universities wherein they will completely disregard the Qur’aan, *sunnah* and way of the *salaf*, all in order to put forth their machinations. [TN]

will be held responsible for it, but if you are given it without asking for it then you will be helped (by Allaah)...”

Ibn Hajar (*raheemahullaah*) said: **“So whoever possesses intelligence will not seek it at all.”**⁶

4. THE SPREAD OF EVIL SUSPICION, SPYING, ENVY, HATRED AND LYING WITHIN THE SOCIETY⁷

⁶ *Fath ul-Baaree* (vol.13/p.133).

⁷ Indeed, this is what has occurred amongst the *kuffaar* who claim to promote the ‘rule of the people’ but will resort to an array of covert operations, coups, pro-insurgency and espionage all in order to promote those who are in agreement with them. This can be seen in Latin America for example wherein governments which were chosen by ‘the people’ were overthrown by coups backed by *kuffaar* from other parts of the Americas, in order for their values to be implemented onto ‘the people.’ The fallacy of democracy can be witnessed regularly in the West wherein ‘the people’ do not get a say in the most important issues which affect them and even the people who they vote for bring in legislations which ‘the people’ do not support and are thus lied to by the politicians! So even within the western countries which blindly pride themselves on ‘democracy’ ‘the people’ themselves have rejected it in many cases! In the UK for example, 17 million people did not vote during the 2005 elections and thus only about 60% of the populus voted, so much for ‘democratic elections’ even many of the *kuffaar* rejected it!!

The likes of Hitler, Goebbels and Goering were voted in *democratically*, due to the desires and passions of ‘the people’ in Germany in the 1930s. Some of the ‘the people’ knew about them and what they were upon yet Hitler and his Nazis were *democratically* elected into office! Serbia from 1991 – 1995 C.E., was also an example of democracy wherein ‘the people’ (i.e. Serbs) decided that killing, raping and brutally executing Muslims (such as at Srebrenica where some 8000 Muslim males were massacred in about three days) was in the greater ‘Serbian’ good of ‘the people’! The likes of Slobadon Milosevic, Ratko Mladic and Radovan Karadzic (the latter two are still at large and being protected in Serbia and ‘Europe’ has done little to capture them, may Allaah give them what they deserve in this life and the hereafter!) with the tacit approval of ‘their people’ were given free rein to enact their savage barbarism against the Muslims in Bosnia. In the history of America, during the epoch of the early white settlers, ‘the people’ (settlers) demanded that the Blackhills and other Native American reservations be opened up to the prospectors. As a result, the early settlers made a number of treaties with the Native Americans but broke them time after time, due to the interests of ‘the people.’ Furthermore, for Thomas Jefferson, democracy was not extended to the African-Americans and according to George Washington “Indians have nothing human except their shape...the

And all of these affairs are prohibited in the Divine Legislation, it has been verified in the two *sabeehs* from the *hadeeth* of Abee Hurayrah (*radi Allaahu anhu*) that the Messenger of Allaah said: *“Beware of suspicion! As suspicion is the most false of speech. Do not try to find fault with each other and do not spy on one another, do not compete with each other, do not envy each other, do not have hate for each other and do not turn away from each other! Be servants of Allaah and brothers!”*

In the *hadeeth* of Imaam Muslim from the *hadeeth* of ‘Abdullaah ibn Mas’ood (*radi Allaahu ‘anhu*) who stated that the Messenger of Allaah said: *“Beware of lying as it leads to sin and sin leads to the Fire. A man does not cease to lie except that it will be recorded with Allaah that the man is a liar.”*

gradual extension of our settlements will as certainly cause the savage, as the wolf, to retire, as they are both beasts of prey that are only different in shape.” [From: Dee Brown, *Bury my Heart at Broken Knee* (London: Vintage, 1995)]

Furthermore, elections can increase hatred to the point of civil war as has been unfortunately witnessed in Algeria. Wherein, the *Islamic Salvation Front (FIS)* headed by ‘Ali bin Haaj, Abbassi Madani, Sahnoon and others went against the advice of the senior Islamic scholars and followed the ‘advice’ of the likes of Safar al-Hawaalee, Salmaan al-Awdah and Aa’id al-Qarnee, entered democratic elections. They were later voted in by the majority of the people, yet the ruling government cancelled the elections which thus led to a civil war. Alongside this, *takfeeree* groups such as those following the ‘*fataawaa*’ of Aboo Qataadah al-Filisteenee and the *GIA* made *takfeer* of much of Algerian society and viewed them as being enemies and thus made permissible their killing via multiple bombings, shootings, unrestricted *takfeer* and massacres of villages. To make matters worse, *kuffaar* French intelligence agencies are also said to have participated contributing to the chaos, as villagers told of seeing people wearing fake beards and speaking pure French. See Shaykh ‘AbdulMaalik bin Ahmad bin al-Mubaarak ar-Ramadaanee al-Jazaa’iree, *Madaarik un-Nadhr fee Siyaasah* (Riyadh: Daar as-Salaf, 1418 A.H./1997 C.E.) See also, Shaykh ‘AbdulMaalik ar-Ramadaanee’s refutation of Aboo Qataadah al-Filisteenee, *The Savage Barbarism of Aboo Qataadah*, translated at www.salafimanhaj.com and also available in audio from *Masjid Ibn Taymeeyah (Brixton Mosque and Islamic Cultural Centre, London)* wherein the tele-link was conducted in Summer 2005 CE. Also see Shaykh AbdulMaalik bin Ahmad ar-Ramadaanee, *Talkhees al-‘Ibaad min Wahshiyyati Abi’l-Qataad* (Jeddah: Maktabah al-Asaalah al-Athaariyyah, 1422 AH). [TN]

5. PRAISING THE SELF WITH FALSEHOOD⁸

Allaah says,

أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ يُزَكُّونَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ بَلِ اللَّهُ يُزَكِّي مَن يَشَاءُ

“Have you not seen those who claim themselves to be pure? Rather,

Allaah purifies whom He wills...”

{*an-Nisaa* (4): 49}

Allaah also said,

فَلَا تُزَكُّوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنِ اتَّقَى

“So do not claim yourselves to be pure. He is most knowing of who fears Him.”

{*an-Najm*(53): 32}

It has been verified in the two *saheehs* from the *hadeeth* of Abee Moosaa (*radi Allaahu ‘anhu*) who said: “The Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) heard a man praising another man and then said (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*): “You are have destroyed the man - or broken the man’s back.”

It has been verified by Ibn Maajah in the *hadeeth* of Mu’aawiyah (*radi Allaahu ‘anhu*) who said: “I heard the Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) say: “Beware of mutual praise of each other as it is slaughter.”⁹

⁸ This is what is common place within elections as candidates praise themselves and make a number of claims which they argue will be implemented as soon as they assume governmental office. The West is probably the worst for this as candidates spend thousands of dollars and pounds in order to fund their campaigns of *baatil* in order to bolster their reputations in front of the people. Much of this campaigning is fake and in many cases politicians have blatantly lied to ‘the people’ who voted them into power! [TN]

⁹ Saheeh Ibn Maajah of al-Albaanee (vol.2/p.308).

6. CONTROVERSY WITH THE PEOPLE IN AUTHORITY¹⁰

Imaam Muslim mentions in the *hadeeth* of Arafjah that the Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) said: “Whoever comes to you and commands you all to one man who separates or seeks to divide your jama’ah, kill him.”

In the wording of the *hadeeth* of Abee Sa’eed al-Khudree (*radi Allaahu ‘anhu*) he said: The Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) said: “If two Caliphs have allegiance pledge to them then kill the last one of them (i.e. the one who has allegiance pledged to him the last).”

Shaykh SafiurRahmaan noted: “There is no doubt that this discord is realised during democratic elections, as a party tries will all it can and with all its power to seize authority and take the government from the hands of those who possess it, if they be opposition parties. On the other hand, the ruling party tries to maintain the reins of government as it is.”¹¹

7. THE ELECTORAL PROCESS LEADS TO NON-MUSLIMS GAINING POWER

This is possible if the people of evil within the society are more than the good people, Allaah says,

¹⁰ The most profound example of this being what took place in Algeria when *FIS* partook in ‘democratic’ elections, against the advice of the senior scholars and upon the advice of the rabble-rousers. See Shaykh ‘AbdulMaalik bin Ahmad bin al-Mubaarak ar-Ramadaanee al-Jazaa’iree, *Madaarik un-Nadhr fee Siyaasah* (Riyadh: Daar as-Salaf, 1418 A.H./1997 C.E.) [TN]

¹¹ *Al-Ahzaab us-Siyaasah fi’l-Islam*, p.60.

وَأِنْ تُطِيعُوا أَكْثَرَ مَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ الْيُضِلُّوكَ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ

“And if you obey most of those upon the earth they will mislead you from the way of Allaah.”

{*al-An'aam* (6): 116}

And Allaah says,

وَمَا أَكْثَرُ النَّاسِ وَلَوْ حَرَصْتَ بِمُؤْمِنِينَ

“And most of the people, although you strive (for it), are not believers.”

{*Yooosuf* (12): 103}

8. THE ELECTORAL PROCESS LEADS TO WOMEN ATTAINING AUTHORITY¹²

¹² This should not be seen as misogyny, rather in Islaam there are clearly defined roles for men and women within a society and issues regarding rulership, authority and governance are matters which Allaah has made men responsible for overseeing and will thus be accountable for to Allaah. The *salafee* sister, Na'ima B. Robert noted: “Although spiritually, men and women are equal, they fulfil different social functions in Islam and have different roles. Therefore, they sometimes have different rights from each other.” (Na'ima B. Robert, *From My Sisters' Lips* (London: Bantam Press, 2005 CE), p.167). Na'ima B. Robert also highlights: “In the eyes of Allah, the ‘housewife’ has honour and dignity for the role she plays in the family unit and thus the society as a whole – she is the glue that holds it together. The prevalent attitude that many men (and women) have, that looking after the home and raising the children is somehow inferior and deserving of a lower status, could not be further from the Islamic viewpoint. The deen recognises that the home is the first training ground for all members of society and its care and atmosphere deserve to be prioritized, not left to the end of the list. If the home life is secure and loving, there is a better chance of its products – the children – growing up to be well-adjusted adults. Therefore, the worth of the woman who looks after the home and family should never be underestimated.” (Na'ima B. Robert, *op. cit.* p.209).

Some Muslim women, influenced by the *kuffaar* ideologies of radical feminism and publicity stunts have performed a variety of pathetic and heretical actions in order to give women positions that even involve leading men in *salaah*!! One deviated female heretic in the US who has an ‘Islamic Studies’ qualification from a *kuffaar* institute (!!) claims that she can now interpret the Islamic texts even though she is ignorant

As the woman within the electoral system has a right to participate in elections and gain a voice, Allaah's refuge is sought. It is mentioned in al-Bukhaaree from the *hadeeth* of Abee Bakrah (*radi Allaahu 'anhu*) who said: The Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) said: "*A people will not be successful if their leader is a woman.*"¹³

Al-Khattaabee said: **"In this hadeeth (is a proof) that women are not to attain positions of leadership nor positions of judgement."**¹⁴

9. MAKING ALLIANCES WITH SECULAR PARTIES

The magazine *an-Noor* was initially printed in the year 4 Muharram 1414 A.H. which exemplified the alliance of the political parties in Yemen, such as the *'Hizb ul-Islaah (Ifsaad)'* ('Rectification Party,' but should be called the Corrupted Party) with the *Ba'ath* Socialist Party, which united on the basis of giving victory

of Arabic, an Afrocentric and has not even studied with the people of Islamic knowledge! The similitude of this *jaahilah* is of one who thinks that just because a man does something that means that it is intrinsically 'better' and this is false and an unjust division, rather there are roles that Allaah has given men and for which they are accountable for, not that they are 'better.' So it would suffice the likes of these *jaahilaat* to refer back to the Qur'aan, *sunnaah* and understandings of the early Muslims as opposed to referring to the *kuffaar* and their sources.

For more on women's rights in Islaam see Shaykh 'AbdusSalaam Burjis (*raheemahullaah*), 'The Family' e-book at www.salafricanhaj.com and also Umm Salamah as-Salafiyyah, *al-Intisaar ul-Huqooq il-Mu'minaat* (Sanaa': Daar ul-Athaar, 1423 AH/2002 CE), translated into English as: *Supporting the Rights of the Believing Women* (Texas: Tarbiyyah Publications, 2006 CE). [TN]

¹³ What is also pathetic is how the likes of Jamal Badawee, the Egyptian who assumed Canadian nationality, have rejected the *hadeeth* using the UK as an example of a "successful country" even though their leader at one stage was a woman!!? But what is the benchmark by which Badawee and his ilk are utilising in order to measure "success"? As many can vouch that it (the rule of that woman in the UK) was far from "successful", if only the people knew! [TN]

¹⁴ Transmitted from *Fath ul-Baaree* (vol.7/p.735).

to democracy and other partisan aims, and freedom of opinion and respect for other opinions and the establishment of sound government.

10. OPENING THE DOOR TO CALLS THAT THE DIVINE LEGISLATION IS INADEQUATE AND THAT IT DOES NOT ESTABLISH IMPORTANT AFFAIRS FOR THE UMMAH¹⁵

This is in total opposition to, and contradictory to, the saying of Allaah,

الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتِمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا

“This day I have perfected for you your religion and completed My favour upon you and approved for you Islaam as religion.”

{*al-Maa'idah* (5): 3}

11. A LACK OF FOLLOWING THE MESSENGER (SALLALLAAHU ALAYHI WASSALLAM) IN OPPOSING ENEMIES

The Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) called to *tawheed* and warned against *shirk* and this is the basis of an Islamic state, he did not hold elections with the *kuffaar*, Allaah says,

¹⁵ This is the methodology of the likes of Taariq Ramadaan, the Swiss-born grandson of Hasan al-Banna (!!) who is currently based in the UK. Recently he called for the abandonment of the regulations of the Divine Legislation! He also calls for watering down Islaam for different societies and cultures by having “European Islam”, “African Islam”, “American Islam”, etc. along with: a dismantling of Islamic schools in the West in favour of Western models of schooling; a rejection of the *hudood* punishments in Islaam; promoting feminism; free-mixing in *Masaajid*; unqualified interpretations of the Qur’aan; bending over backwards for the *Kuffaar* and a number of other *baatil* principles that Ramadaan has established to enable him to give *fataawaa*! Other elements that are attempting to creep into the ranks of the Muslims include the likes of Irshad Manji, a Ugandan-born Canadian *Ismali shee’ee* who deceptively claims that she is representing Islaam and Muslims!!! [TN]

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ
غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

“Say, (O Muhammad), “If you should love Allaah, then follow me, (so) Allaah will love you and forgive you of your sins. And Allaah is Forgiving and Merciful.”

{*Aali-Imraan* (3): 31}

12. MAKING A MOCKERY OF THE BOOK (I.E. QUR'AAN) AND SUNNAH AND CONSIDERING THEM TO BE A MERE OPINION WHICH CAN BE ACCEPTED OR REJECTED¹⁶

This is what takes place in representative councils, and Allaah has prohibited gatherings of such:

وَقَدْ نَزَّلَ عَلَيْكُمْ فِي الْكِتَابِ أَنْ إِذَا سَمِعْتُمْ آيَاتِ اللَّهِ يُكْفَرُ بِهَا وَيُسْتَهْزَأُ بِهَا
فَلَا تَقْعُدُوا مَعَهُمْ حَتَّى يَخُوضُوا فِي حَدِيثٍ غَيْرِهِ إِنَّكُمْ إِذَا مِثْلُهُمْ

“And it has already come down to you in the Book (i.e. the Qur’aan) that when you hear the verses of Allaah (recited), they are denied (by them) and ridiculed; so do not sit with them until they enter into another conversation. Indeed, you would then be like them.”

{*an-Nisaa* (4): 140}

¹⁶ Not only do the secularists fall into this, but also the likes of *Hizb ut-Tahreer*, Omar Bakri Muhammad’s blind followers and others who become entrenched in political machinations and political discussion. As they claim to want to ‘implement Islaam’ yet they reject the clear *sunnah* and do not accept *ahad hadeeth* narrations! So how can a bunch of *musbil*, clean-shaven individuals who are ignorant of the ‘*aqeedah* and *manhaj* of the *salaf* even attempt to grasp the reins of power?! Furthermore, they are steeped in following the culture of their parents, so even though they may articulate Islaam on their tongues in practice they are in some instances engrossed in tribalism and nationalism themselves (!!). [TN]

13. LOSS OF THE BARRIER OF ALLEGIANCE AND DISLOYALTY BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS AND THE COUNCILS

Allaah says,

وَلَا تَرْكَبُوا إِلَى الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا فَتَمَسَّكُمُ النَّارُ وَمَا لَكُم مِّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مِنْ
أَوْلِيَاءَ ثُمَّ لَا تُنصَرُونَ

“And do not incline towards those who do wrong, lest you be touched by the Fire, and you would not have other than Allaah any protectors; then you would not be helped.”

{Hood (11): 113}

It has been verified with at-Tabaraanee from the *hadeeth* of Abee Dharr (*radi Allaahu ‘anhu*): The Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu aalyhi wassallam*) said: “Make firm the bonds of eemaan by having allegiance for the sake of Allaah, having enmity for the sake of Allaah having love for the sake of Allaah and hating for the sake of Allaah.”¹⁷

14. ELECTIONS ARE OBEDIENCE TO THE ENEMIES OF ALLAAH FROM THE KUFFAAR¹⁸

¹⁷ See *Silsilat us-Saheehah* (vol.3/pp.306-307).

¹⁸ According to many leading *kuffaar* think-tanks, ‘taskforces’, ‘working groups’, agencies etc. democratic elections should be the main aim for Muslims to currently work towards. A recent example of this paternalistic approach can be seen in a report for *RAND Corporation* and its ‘National Security Research Division’ entitled *Civil Democratic Islam – Partners, Resources and Strategies* (2003 CE) by Cheryl Benard, which is a study which seems to pander to certain elements and remove any blame from *kuffaar* machinations. Within her report Benard notes in her initial summary “...the modern industrial world, and indeed the international community as a whole would prefer an Islamic world that is compatible with the rest of the system: democratic, economically viable, politically stable, socially progressive, and follows the rules and norms of international conduct. They also want to prevent a “clash of civilisations” in all of its possible variants...” Benard then says towards the end of the page “...the Islamic world has fallen out of step with contemporary global culture, an uncomfortable situation for

Allaah says,

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَطِيعُوا فَرِيقًا مِّنَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ يَرُدُّوكُم بَعْدَ
إِيمَانِكُمْ كَافِرِينَ

“O you who have believed, if you obey a party of those who were given
the Scripture, they would turn you back, after your belief, (to being)
unbelievers.”

{*Aali-Imraan* (3): 100}

The electoral system is a system that has been imported from the enemies of
Allaah.¹⁹

15. TAKING THE ELECTORAL PROCESS AS MEANING ‘AN ISSUE OF THE AIMS JUSTIFYING THE MEANS’

With the claim that the aim of the electoral process is to establish the rule
(*Haakimiyyah*) of Allaah and the means to that therefore is by the rule of the

both sides.” (p.ix) Within the study Benard exonerates and absolves any blame or accountability from the
those who have been responsible for causing utter mayhem in ‘Iraq, going to war without evidence and
against the ‘international community’, using biological weapons against civilians and whole-hearted
support for the state which calls itself ‘Israel’. According to another study by the *UN Development
Programme* entitled ‘*Arab Human Development Report*’, democracy, the status of women and neglect of
education were concluded to be the three key causes of backwardness in the Arab world (*UNDP*, 2002 CE).
However, as al-Qaadee, Shaykh ‘AbdusSalaam bin Burjis (*raheemahullaah*) noted in a *khutbah* at his
masjid in Riyadh before his death in 2004 CE, “Human rights are from Islaam, so Muslims should refer
back to Islaam for human rights, not based on what others say.” [TN]

¹⁹ Indeed, and even when the enemies of Islaam force Muslims to implement democratic elections, the very
same *kuffaar* who were so fanatical in calling for it reject the results when they go against their own
desires!! As can currently be seen in Palestine for example, wherein the *kuffaar* are refusing to accept the
results of a system and process that they themselves have propagated as being the ‘way forward’! [TN]

people other than Allaah, via the democratic process wherein the people hold the authority of legislation and rule themselves.

16. SUBJUGATING EVERYTHING THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL FORWARDS TO VOTING, WHEREIN THE MAJORITY OPINION WILL ONLY BE HEARD, EVEN IF IT OPPOSES THE BOOK (I.E. QUR'AAN) AND SUNNAH

Allaah says,

وَأِنْ تُطِيعُوا أَكْثَرَ مَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ خَلَوْا عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ

“And if you obey most of those upon the earth they will mislead you from the way of Allaah.”

{*al-An'aam* (6): 116}

17. THE ELECTORAL PROCESS MAKES A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE VOICE OF A MAN AND THAT OF A WOMAN, AND BETWEEN A BELIEVER AND A DISBELIEVER AND BETWEEN A SCHOLAR AND AN IGNORAMUS

Allaah says,

وَأَسْتَشْهِدُوا شَهِيدَيْنِ مِنْ رَجَالِكُمْ فَإِنْ لَمْ يَكُونَا رَجُلَيْنِ فَرَجُلٌ وَامْرَأَتَانِ مِمَّنْ تَرْضَوْنَ مِنَ الشُّهَدَاءِ

“And bring two witnesses from among your men. And if there are not two men (available), then a man and two women from those whom you accept as witnesses...”

{*al-Baqarah* (2): 282}

Allaah says,

قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُونَ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

“Say, “Are those who know equal to those who do not know?””

{*az-Zumar* (39): 9}

Allaah says,

أَفَمَنْ كَانَ مُؤْمِنًا كَمَنْ كَانَ فَاسِقًا لَا يَسْتَوُونَ

“Then is one who was a believer like one who was defiantly disobedient?

They are not equal.”

{*as-Sajdah* (32): 18}

Allaah says,

أَمْ نَجْعَلُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ كَالْمُفْسِدِينَ فِي الْأَرْضِ أَمْ نَجْعَلُ الْمُتَّقِينَ
كَالْفَجَّارِ

“Or should We treat those who believe and do righteousness deeds like corrupters in the land? Or should We treat those who fear Allaah like the wicked?”

{*Saad* (38): 28}

Allaah also says,

أَفَنَجْعَلُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ كَالْمُجْرِمِينَ

“Then will We treat the Muslims like the criminals?”

{*al-Qalam* (68): 35}

18. WASTING TIME IN AFFAIRS WHICH DO NOT BENEFIT

As is mentioned in the *hadeeth* in al-Bukhaaree from Ibn ‘Abbaas (*radi Allaahu ‘anhu*) who said: The Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu aalyhi wassallam*) said: “*There are two blessings which many people lose, good health and free time.*”

19. BUYING VOICES AND SELLING SOULS

Muslim verified in the *hadeeth* from Abee Hurayyah (*radi Allaahu ‘anhu*) that the Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu alyhi wassallam*) said: “*Hasten to do good deeds before tribulations come like patches of a dark night. A man will wake up a believer then go to sleep a disbeliever and go to sleep a believer and wake up a disbeliever selling his deen for some worldly gain.*”

20. MAKING IMAGES OF THINGS WITH SOULS

It has arrived in the two *sabeehs* that from the *hadeeth* of Ibn Mas’ood (*radi Allaahu ‘anhu*) said: The Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu alyhi wassallam*) said: “*The people who will be punished the most sever on the Day of Judgement are those who sued to make images.*”

They also verified the *hadeeth* from Ibn ‘Abbaas (*radi Allaahu ‘anhu*) who said: I heard the Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu alyhi wassallam*) say: “*Whoever makes a picture in this life will be asked to blow life into it on the Day of Judgement, and he will not be able to.*”

They also transmitted the *hadeeth* of Abee Talhah al-Ansaaree (*radi Allaahu ‘anhu*) who said: The Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu alyhi wassallam*) said: “*The angels do not enter the house wherein there is a dog or pictures.*”

21. WOMEN LEAVING THEIR HOMES IN ORDER TO REGISTER THEIR NAMES AT ELECTION POLL STATIONS

Allaah says,

وَقَرْنَ فِي بُيُوتِكُنَّ وَلَا تَبَرَّجْنَ تَبَرُّجَ الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ الْأُولَى

“And abide in your houses and do not display yourselves as (was) the display of the former times of ignorance.”

{*al-Abzaab* (33): 33}

22. SPENDING MONEY FRIVOLOUSLY AND EXERTING GREAT EFFORT IN WORKING FOR THESE INNOVATED AFFAIRS

It is mentioned in the *hadeeth* in the two *sabeehs* from al-Mugheerah bin Shu’bah (*radi Allaahu ‘anhu*) who said: the Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) said: “Allaah has forbidden for you three and hates for you three (things): Disrespecting the mothers, burying daughters alive and preventing your favours (benevolence) to others.”

23. IMITATING THE ENEMIES OF ALLAAH IN ESTABLISHING THIS FUTILE AND VOID SYSTEM

It is verified by Abee Daawood from the *hadeeth* of Ibn ‘Umar (*radi Allaahu ‘anhu*) who said: the Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) said: “Whoever imitates a people is from them.”²⁰

²⁰ The *hadeeth* is via Abi’l-Muneeb al-Jurashee, see his biography in *at-Tahdheeb* and al-Haafidh said: “He is trustworthy” as if he reaches this level as he resembles a *majhool* according to what is in *at-Tahdheeb*. The *hadeeth* has been graded *hasan* by Shaykh ul-Islam in *Iqtidaa’ as-Siraat ul-Mustaqeem* and by ath-Thahabee in *as-Seer* (vol.10/p/509) and by al-Haafidh in *al-Fath* (vol.6/p.116) and by al-Albaanee in *al-Irwaa’* (no.1269). I wrote this benefit as the *hadeeth* is *hasan* as has also been stated by those Imaams. (Yahyaa al-Hajooree).

24. COMPROMISING DUE TO ENTERING INTO REPRESENTATIVE COUNCILS

- ☑ Such compromising involves:
- ☒ Accepting the freedom of opinion and the opinions of others.
- ☒ Reliance upon and resorting to the views of the majority in issuing decisions.
- ☒ Making alliances with some secular parties.
- ☒ The entry of women to such councils.

And many other compromises which are made.

25. HUMILIATING THE MASAAJID BY CALLING TO BLINDLY FOLLOW THE KUFFAAR (IN THEIR ELECTIONS) AND USING PROPAGANDA FOR THAT

The intent of building *masaajid* is for the remembrance of Allaah through prayer, reciting the Qur’aan, the gatherings of knowledge and teaching and the like, Allaah says,

فِي بُيُوتٍ أُذِنَ لِلَّهِ أَنْ تُرْفَعَ وَيُذْكَرَ فِيهَا اسْمُهُ يُسَبِّحُ لَهُ فِيهَا بِالْغُدُوِّ وَالْآصَالِ

“(Such niches are) in houses (i.e., mosques) which Allaah has ordered to be raised and that His name be mentioned (i.e., praised) therein; exalting Him within them in the morning and the evening.”

{*an-Noor* (24): 36}

Masaajid are not established in order for people to call to political and democratic elections in complete insolence in the houses of Allaah, this is from humiliation of the *masaajid*! So if misguided chants, buying and selling are not permissible within *masaajid* even though in origin they are permissible, they are

impermissible within *masaajid*. Indeed, raising voices without a need is not permissible as is mentioned in Muslim in his *sabeeh*, that the Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) said: “Beware of the commotion of the market places”, so what about that which is impermissible in its origin, such as elections!²¹

26. (ELECTIONS) ARE BUILT UPON THE YAHOODEE IDEA ‘THE ENDS JUSTIFY THE MEANS’²²

An explanation of this: the ends, as those who call to elections claim, is rectification of the servants and the countries and as a result they use the impermissible means, that being elections, in order to achieve that.

27. (ELECTIONS) ARE BUILT UPON THE SECULAR PRINCIPLE OF ‘SEPARATION BETWEEN RELIGION AND STATE’

An explanation of this is when it is said that the electoral process contains from its very foundation that the source of authority whether it be for legislation, legal implementation or judgements, are the people. the Book (i.e. Qur’aan) and *sunnah* does not enter into the equation and in this way the callers to elections, whether they perceive it or not, as they claim that the Book (i.e. Qur’aan) and the *sunnah* are not able to solve issues.

²¹ Some of the *Ikhwaanees* (‘Muslim Brotherhood’) are the main culprits in disgracing *masaajid* for this purpose. In the *ikhwaanee masaajid* in London for example they call for demonstrations, marches and participating in the ‘political process’ and all of this is from the *manaabir* (pulpits) on a *jumu’ah*!! Sadly, members of *Jamiat Ahl ul-Hadeeth* (Ahl-e-Hadees!!) have participated in such *hizbee* and *ikhwaanee* political machinations in the UK, may Allaah guide them. Some of them have even encouraged the Muslims to vote for *kuffaar* political parties!?! Indeed, after 9/11 Safar al-Hawaalee wrote a famous letter to George Bush Jnr wherein Safar states to Bush: “**I encouraged the Muslims to vote for you**” and “I advise you and exhort you to fear Allaah and stop and cease enmity and to co-operate in the situation with justice **and you will surely find us with you without reservation**”!!! [TN]

²² Both the ends and the means are *haraam*! (Yayhaa al-Hajooree).

28. (ELECTIONS) ARE BUILT UPON PERSONAL FREEDOM - 'INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM'²³

²³ Notions of 'freedom of expression and opinion' in Europe are based on the ideas of the likes of Francois-Marie Arouet, known by the fake pen name of 'Voltaire' (1694 – 1778 CE) and David Hume of Scotland (1711 – 1776 CE). Both are seen as being the main contributors to the European 'enlightenment' age and both were characterised by a disregard of authority and in the context of Hume and Voltaire, the main authorities at their time was the established church, which thus led them to oppose it quite vigorously. 'Voltaire' was born in Paris and was the main architect of European satirical writings, particularly against the Church, he was a playwright, poet, novelist, historian and had also authored scientific works. 'Voltaire' was exiled to England for three years and then returned to Paris where his writings on the *'Philosophical Letters on the English'* were burned as it was a work which praised the 'freedoms' of the English at the time, 'Voltaire' was thus forced to leave Paris. 'Voltaire' later renounced religion and articulated in the separation of the church and state and religious freedoms. Voltaire moved to Berlin where he was close to Frederick, the ruler of the time, yet 'Voltaire' authored a book against one of Frederick's allies and thus 'Voltaire' had to leave Berlin, yet when he arrived into France he was banned by the King of France to enter. 'Voltaire' thus went to Geneva, to return to France in 1778 CE. 'Voltaire' himself issued some very strange statements which clearly indicate the Eurocentric aspect of European notions of 'freedom of speech', he said once **"Blacks are inferior to Europeans, but superior to apes,"** and as a result 'Voltaire' believed that the 'gap' between white and black could not be bridged?! Hume noted **"The black might develop certain attributes of human beings, the way the parrot manages to speak a few words"** (!!)

Hume also stated: **"I am apt to suspect the Negroes, and in general all the other species of men (for there are four or five different kinds) to be naturally inferior to the whites. There never was a civilised nation of any other complexion than white, nor even any individual eminent in action or speculation. No ingenious manufactures amongst them, no arts, no sciences...Such a uniform and constant difference could not happen, in so many countries and ages, if nature had not made an original distinction betwixt these breeds of men."** (From David Hume's *'Of National Characters'* (1742/1754). Cited in P.D. Curtin, *The Image of Africa: British Ideas and Actions, 1780-1850* (Madison, WI: 1964), p.42) This is racist reality of the so-called 'enlightened' European philosophers whose ideas did not extend to include those who were not European, hence Europe's current mockery of Islaam with no regard whatsoever. Indeed, 'Voltaire' also displayed clearly anti-Semitic undertones in much of his work, so ironically the very notions of 'freedom of expression and speech' which people attempt to use now as a proof, was the same argument that the anti-Semites also tried to use! If the *kuffaar* in Europe really claim to uphold *'freedom of expression'* and *'freedom of speech'* then by extension it would mean that they would have to defend the 'freedoms' of the likes of Goebbels!? The Nazi communications and propaganda

An explanation of this is that: the democratic system: “allows a person to fulfil his desires with any woman he wants when that is facilitated for him, in either general places or in specified houses (i.e. brothels) as long as he doesn’t rape her. If he does rape her then it is a must for the adjudicating powers that be to get involved as the person (the rapist) is considered a criminal and a guilty party for opposing the law and committing the crime of rape, but not the crime of illegal sexual intercourse. This is due to the immorality of illegal sexual intercourse not being considered a crime in itself according to that prohibited system, only the crime of rape.”

This is from the words of our Shaykh Muhammad Amaan bin ‘Alee al-Jaamee (*raheemahullaah*) in his book *Li-Jazeerat il-Arabiyyah Khasoosiyyah* (p.20-21).

To proceed: These are some of the corruptions of the electoral system that I have briefly mentioned. If one requires a further explanation then the original book *Adilat us-Shar’iyyah li-Kashf it-Talbeesat al-Hizbiyyah ‘alaa Mujama’aat il-Islamiyyah* (*Evidences from the Divine Legislation in Exposing the Partisan Deceptions on Islamic Societies*) can be referred to, and Allaah is the Owner of guidance and success.

minister who published inflammatory images of Jews. Now however, the very ‘Europeans’ who wave the slogan “*freedom of speech*” in the faces of the Muslims are the very same ‘Europeans’ who will throw “*freedom of speech and expression*” out of the window when anything is said about the Jews!? In some of these European countries, if a person argues, and is a professor or historian that can back his argument with proofs and evidences, that less than six million Jews were killed in the Nazi holocaust, they can be prosecuted?! So much for European “freedom of thought and expression”! [TN]